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Barbara Dacosta
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Subject: South Hampton - Public Water System: South Hampton Baptist Church (EPA #2169010)

Dear Ms. Dacost:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the South Hampton Baptist Church water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people, for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit bacteria samples and as a result Monitoring/Reporting (M/R) violations were issued for the following months:

March 2003 and June 2003

In view of the Monitoring/Reporting violations, DES believes the deficiencies can be corrected by taking the following actions:

By August 14, 2003, submit a water "make up" sample for bacteria analysis to the state laboratory, or a state-certified laboratory, in accordance with NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 325.

In the future, submit routine water samples for bacteria analysis during the water system's scheduled sampling months of **March, June, September and December**.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854 or by e-mail at aleach@des.state.nh.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator
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